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Number of relief shops opened in certain districts.

* 85 *Q.*—SRI K. MANAITHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of relief shops opened in the districts of Ramnad, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot and Madura between 1st January to 30th June 1948;

(*b*) the number of ration shops that existed on 30th June 1947 in those six districts;

(*c*) the quantity of paddy or rice supplied through these relief shops till 30th June 1948;

(*d*) the quantity of paddy or rice supplied through these ration shops till 30th June 1947;

(*e*) the number of the days in the week during which grains were distributed to card-holders in the relief shops;

(*f*) the quantity of paddy procured in each of the six districts mentioned in clause (*a*) till 30th June 1948 in this khariff year;

(*g*) the quantity of paddy procured in each of the six districts in the last khariff year till 30th June 1947; and

(*h*) the price of rice that prevailed in each of the several taluks of each of those six districts in the second week of June 1948 and in the second week of June 1947?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement[a] showing the number of relief shops opened in the districts of Ramnad, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot and Madura during the period from 1st January to 30th June 1948 and the number of ration shops which existed in those districts on 30th June 1947 placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to a comparative statement[a] showing the quantity of rice supplied through relief shops from 1st April to 30th June 1948 (13 weeks) and the quantity of rice supplied through ration shops from 30th March to 28th June 1947 (13 weeks) placed on the table of the House.

" (*e*) Foodgrains were distributed to cardholders through relief shops, on six days in a week, one day being observed as a weekly holiday.

" (*f*) & (*g*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to a comparative statement[a] showing the quantity of rice procured in each of the districts of Ramnad, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot and Madura during the period from November to June in each of the khariff years 1946–47 and 1947–48, placed on the table of the House.

" (*h*) A statement showing the price of rice, II sort, prevailed in each taluk in the districts of Ramnad, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot and Madura during the weeks ended 12th June 1948 and 14th June 1947, is placed on the table of the House."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 264–267 infra.

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SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" Sir, as the answer is too long a statement I request the supplementary questions may be taken up on the next working day."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If the hon. Member is present that day, we will take it up that day."

Number of bus chassis allotted to the districts.

* 86 *Q.*—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many new bus chassis have been allotted for the last twelve months to each district in the Province;

(*b*) the number of existing buses in each district;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Kurnool District Road Traffic Board till recently did not sanction any new routes while in other districts, soon after the formation of the Boards, several routes were sanctioned; and

(*d*) whether on the seven routes that were sanctioned in Kurnool, owners are directed to produce gas-plant buses?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The answers are in the affirmative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the reforms which the Hon. Minister for Motor Transport stated on the occasion of the discussion of the Motor Vehicles Bill have been carried out or propose to carry them out in regard to the office of the Regional Transport Authority? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" They will certainly be carried when the Bill is assented to by the Governor-General."

Quantity of petrol supplied to the districts.

* 87 *Q.*—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantities of petrol supplied to each of the districts;

(*b*) whether Kurnool being a district bordered by the Nizam's Dominions most of the petrol is consumed by the Government staff for patrolling the border; and

(*c*) whether petrol has been refused for the newly sanctioned bus routes in Kurnool district recently?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) Government have no information as allotments of petrol are not made districtwar.

" (*b*) The quota allotted for private vehicles is not in any way affected because a separate allotment of petrol has been made for vehicles used by the Police and other officers patrolling the border.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 268–269 infra.